

Federal Communications Commission 445-12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bogalusa Chamber of Commerce, located in Washington Parish, Louisiana-I am asking for your support of the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile in order to provide an expansion of the broadband service to our mostly rural parish. The possibility of having 4G service for our businesses and industries would greatly help in enhancing economic growth and job creation in our otherwise not-easy-to-access area; we are almost an hour away from any interstate and have been adversely affected in many ways by this inaccessibility.

Our Chamber is made up of nearly 250 businesses, industries, professionals and individual citizens who band together to make our community a better and more prosperous place to work and to live—we welcome any efforts to improve our place in the growth of the business world of the 21st century. AT&T has a long history in our area, and we believe their commitment to investing billions in this combined network will provide the much needed internet options for the betterment of our lives.

Sincerely,

Marilyn G. Bateman

Executive Director

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